

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 have been examined, and claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,584,328 to Kung

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kung.

A. Claim 1

Claim 1 relates to a communication terminal that comprises a display unit and a connection control unit. The display unit displays a predetermined screen, and the connection control unit starts a connection to an information center when the predetermined screen is displayed. Also, the display unit displays an input screen after the predetermined screen is displayed, and the input screen is for inputting data to be transmitted to the information center. Accordingly, claim 1 recites that the connection control unit starts the connection to the information center before data, which is input to the input screen, is transmitted to the information center.

In Kung, a user can input a target keyword to a handset 12 via a key circuit 16, and an RF communication circuit 14 within the handset 12 transmits the keyword to the server 34 (via the base station 30). In response to the keyword, the server 34 transmits map data back to the handset 12 (via the base station 30). Assuming *arguendo* that the handset 12 corresponds to the claimed communication terminal unit and the server 34 corresponds to the claimed information center, Kung does not suggest a connection control unit that starts a connection with the server 34 before the handset 12 transmits the keyword to the server 34. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable.

B. Claim 2

Since claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, the rejection of the claim is moot.

C. Claim 3

Since claim 3 depends upon claim 1, Applicants submit that it is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

C. Claims 4 and 5

Since claims 4 and 5 contain features that are similar to the features recited in claim 1, Applicant submits that they are patentable for similar reasons.

II. Newly added claims

Applicant has added new claim 6-10 to provide more varied protection for the invention. Since claim 6 states that a communication circuit begins to establish a communication line with an information center before it transmits initial data to the information center, Applicant submits that claim 6 is patentable. Also, since claims 7-10 depend upon claim 6, Applicant submits that they are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

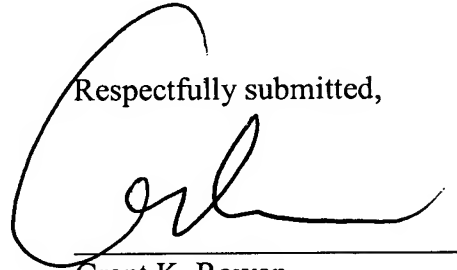
III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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